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UNVEIL SHAFT TO MEMORY OF ILLINOIS ABOLITIONIST.

BENJAMIN LUNDY, EDITOR OF ANTI-SLAVERY PAPER, HONORED AT LOWELL, ILLINOIS—DESCENDANTS ATTEND.

In the quaint old village of Lowell, still isolated because no railroad touches its boundaries, on September 8, 1915, descendants of Benjamin Lundy, precursor and in a sense father of slavery abolitionists, gathered and assisted in the unveiling of a monument to his memory.

It was in Lowell that Lundy in 1838, after the killing of the Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, while resisting a mob which had attacked his abolitionist newspaper plant at Alton, Illinois, re-established an abolitionist paper which he had previously conducted at Greenville, Tennessee, with William Lloyd Garrison as his associate. There had been only five numbers of "Genius" issued when on August 22, 1839, the editor died.

Lundy was born at Hardwick, New Jersey, January 4, 1789. In 1836, two years before joining his children in Illinois,

Lundy and the poet Whittier started an anti-slavery journal in Philadelphia. The plant later was burned by pro-slavery adherents. The remains of Lundy rest in Clear Creek cemetery, Putnam County, Illinois.

Among those who took part in the program were Mrs. Mae Parrett, of Normal, Illinois, and H. W. Wierman, of Tonica, Illinois, respectively great-granddaughter and great-grandson of the famous abolitionist. The principal addresses were given by the Rev. John H. Ryan, of Kankakee, and the Rev. Joseph H. Waterbury, of Waukegan, Illinois.

LINCOLN IN MANY LAW FIRMS.

The sale of the Abraham Lincoln material in the library of John E. Burton, of Milwaukee, was held at the Anderson Galleries, New York City, October 25, 1915. George D. Smith paid $240 and $115 for two defective leaves from Lincoln's sum book, written when he was a school boy. The first leaf is dated 1824. Lincoln was then 15 years of age and the family was living in the backwoods. The leaf contains examples in long division and "Abraham Lincoln's Book" in his autograph. There are also four lines of verse in Lincoln's handwriting.

The other leaf contains examples in compound interest. These pages represent hard mental labor done at night after the daily toil. As is well known, Lincoln had very little schooling and did most of his studying at home. These leaves Mr. Smith had bought at the Nelson and Lambert dispersals and sold to Mr. Burton.

Seven documents, covering practically the whole professional life of Lincoln, all except two entirely in his handwriting, and the various firm signatures in his autograph, brought a total of $605. These documents disclose legal associations which heretofore have escaped the attention of Lincoln's biographers, namely, Ficklin & Lincoln, Logan & Lincoln, Harlan & Lincoln, Lincoln & Lamon, and Goodrich & Lincoln.

A broadside of great rarity, Alton, April 9, 1840, announcing that "A. Lincoln, Esq., of Sangamon County, one of the Electoral Candidates, will address the People this Evening At Early Candlelighting, at the Old Court Room, Ritey's Building," was bought on order for $210. Another rare broadside, Springfield, 1840, during the Harrison campaign, with Lincoln's name three times on it as Elector from Sangamon County, brought $100.

"Abraham Lincoln, Late President of the United States, demonstrated to be the God of the Bible," Memphis, Tennessee, 1868, went to Mr. Smith for $52.50. Gabriel Weis paid $48 for Isaac N. Arnold's "Life of Lincoln," extra illustrated. Frederick W. Morris gave $29 for a bond made by Lincoln in 1849 for Edward D. Baker, who was killed at Ball's Bluff in 1861. George D. Smith obtained for $42.50 Lincoln's copy of "The Constitutional Text Book." He also gave $90 for a check drawn on Jay Cooke & Co. by Wilkes Booth on December 24, 1864. This was the second of the historic "Blood Money" checks signed by Booth while boarding at the home of Mrs. Mary Surratt in Washington and laying his plans for Lincoln's assassination.

The total for the session was $2,333.45.

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN ERECTED BY GOVERNOR BRADFORD CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS, TO SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION BURIED IN VERMILION COUNTY.

In the presence of a tremendous crowd, the memorial fountain, erected to the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in Vermilion County, was unveiled about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, September 3, 1915, and the handsome bronze monument, atop the fountain, flashed out into the light of day for the first time.

Many notables were in attendance, and the principal addresses were delivered by W. R. Jewell, "Our Ancestors"; James M. White, of the University of Illinois, "Art in Bronze

and Stone"; Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, of Chicago, President of the Illinois State Historical Society, "The Revolutionary War in the West"; dedicatory address, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon.

Miss Lotte E. Jones, chairman of the fountain committee, formally dedicated and presented the fountain to the government; Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, commanding the Illinois National Guard, making the response.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the Soldiers' Home Band and H. Y. Mercer, tenor.

To the memory of William Adams, David Baird, Joseph Cochran, John Frazier, Jacob Gundy, James Huls, Daniel Harrington, Hugh King, Thomas Makemson and Thomas Morton, soldiers in the War of the Revolution, who are buried in Vermilion County, the Governor Bradford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, erected the memorial fountain, which stands in front of the Federal building, and which was unveiled.

The design was by Daniel Chester French, foremost American sculptor, and is an exceptionally beautiful one. The base of the fountain and surrounding floor is of Vermont granite, while the statue of the Continental soldier is of bronze.

The fountain was unveiled by nine children, who are lineal descendants of the men of '76 who sleep their last sleep in that county. The children included Sara Swaim and Jean Almy, of Harvey, the great-great-granddaughters of David Baird; Robert Moreland, of Indiana, a descendant of David Baird of the same generation; Barbara Mann and Katherine Janet Yeomans, descendants of Hugh King; Josephine Campbell, of Collison, the great-great-granddaughter of Thomas Makemson; Grace Katherine Young, of Bismarck; Marjorie Gunn and Francis Christman, great-great-granddaughters and great-great-grandson of Jacob Gundy.

It was after 5:00 o'clock before the last of the extended and beautiful program attending the dedication of the memorial fountain at the Federal building was finished and the nine little boys and girls pulled the silken ribbon that released the national colors and disclosed the bronze soldier. A great

cheer went up and all heads were uncovered as the flag fluttered gracefully backward, and the soul-stirring strains of the national song, "Star Spangled Banner," came from the Soldiers' Home Band. It was a great ending of a great afternoon, and all present were much pleased at the successful termination of this great undertaking of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Cannon, in his talk, said that in the days of the Revolutionary soldiers there was nothing thought of save the desire for a free and independent nation. In those days the political parties had not been formed. They were not needed then, and at any other times where there is likely to be a crisis there is no need of parties. The present period through which the American people are passing, because of the great European war, are times when there are no Republicans, no Democrats, no other political parties, but all Americans standing behind our President. This has always been so in times of trouble and will continue so long as the republic endures.

Mr. Cannon was in excellent voice, and his personal appearance on the platform gave the lie to the reports that have been afloat that his health is not what it should be. His voice was steady, and for copious notes which he frequently consulted, there was no need of his eye glasses.

The entire program was in fit keeping with the day. In addition to the other talks, and the music by the Soldiers' Home Band under the leadership of David Wedd, there was a beautiful solo by Harry Yeazel Mercer. Mr. Mercer's well trained voice rang clear and strong, and his enunciation of the patriotic words of "Hail Columbia" was an inspiration to the spirit of the day. Mr. Mercer is a favorite among Danville's music loving people.

Mrs. Hogan Presided.

Mrs. Daniel Hogan, regent of Governor Bradford Chapter, presided and in a few well chosen words introduced the speakers. The invocation was delivered by Rev. George Howk

Simonson. The ritualistic services were in charge of Mrs. James A. Meeks, chaplain of the D. A. R.

Mrs. W. E. Fithian, vice regent, gave the introductory talk. She spoke briefly of the movement that has brought about the erection of the beautiful statue.

Mrs. George T. Page, state regent, was unable to be present. She was to have talked on the subject of "The Daughters of the American Revolution."

Mr. Jewell Talks.

W. R. Jewell, well known newspaper man and former postmaster, spoke for some time on the subject of "Our Ancestors." He said that the monument meant much to the rising generation. As the names on the monument are read by the boys and girls, they will naturally ask something about it and about the men whose names they read. They will then be told the story of the Revolution; how a handful of Continentals won their freedom from England. They will be told the history of their country and they will learn to appreciate all that freedom and patriotism stands for.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, of Chicago, President of the Illinois State Historical Society, told the story of the Revolutionary War in the West. He is an interesting speaker and was well received by the large audience.

Program.

Presiding Officer—Mrs. Daniel Hogan, Regent Governor Bradford Chapter.

"America"—All the People, led by H. Y. Mercer, accompanied by the Soldiers' Home Band.

Invocation—Rev. George Howk Simonson.

Ritual—Mrs. James A. Meeks, Chaplain.

Greetings—Mrs. W. E. Fithian, Vice Regent.

"Grand American Fantasia" (Theo. Bendix)—Soldiers' Home Band.

"Our Ancestors"—Mr. W. R. Jewell.

"Art in Bronze and Stone"—James M. White, Supervising Architect, representing the University of Illinois.

"The Revolutionary War in the West"—Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Chicago, President Illinois State Historical Society.

Solo, "Hail Columbia"—H. Y. Mercer, accompanied by the Soldiers' Home Band.

Address—Hon. J. G. Cannon.

Dedication and Presentation of Statue—Miss Lotte E. Jones, Chairman Fountain Committee.

Response—General Frank S. Dickson, Adjutant General, State of Illinois.

Unveiling of Statue—Descendants: Sara Swaim, Grace Katherine Young, Joseph Campbell, Katherine Janet Yeomans, Francis Christman, Marjorie Gunn, Robert Moreland, Barbara Mann, Jean Almy.

"The Star Spangled Banner"—Soldiers' Home Band.

Benediction—Rev. W. H. Webster.

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